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WATER STORAGE.

A Scheme Which Will Help Truckee and be of Infinite Benefit to Reno and Vicinity.

The Truckee Republican has commenced the publication of a series of aricles on water storage, and the JouenaL gladly republishes the first one from that paper, as the subject is of vital importance to Washoe county, Truckee's water power being this county's main source of irrigation;

by other enterprises of almost incalof the well known capitalists, Hobart cost. and Mariette, have for the past fifteen years been quietly but persistently purchasing the mammoth timber belts which lie, principally, to the northward of the Central Pacific Railroad, and have been carefully guarding their magnificent lorests from the depredations of wood choppers, and the ravages of fire. At one single purchase they obtained from the Central Pacific over thirteen thousand acres of forest land, and they own at present over one hundred thousand seres of land. It is confidently believed that this firm will commence the erection of sawmils and factories at an early date, and it is conceded that from the inception of their gigantic operations, Truckee will experience livelier times than have ever been witnessed since the days of railroad building across the mountains. But the value of the lumber industry, enormous though it be, and of the box-factories, the sash, blind and furniture factories, is likely to be double-discounted by either of three other enterprises. 1"irst among these is

THE STORAGE OF WATER. Lake Tahoe, whose altitude is 6,208 feet, has a catchment basin of 500 square miles, and an actual surface of 195 square miles. Major Powell in his report on the survey of this lake says: It is probable that an acre foot of water, that is an acre of water one foot deep, will abundantly irrigate any acre of land throughout one season, and it is possible to store in Lake Tahoe 500,000 acra feet, which can be made to irrigate 500,600 acres of land. The catchment region, is about three hundred square m les, giving the Truckee Basin a watershed of eight hundred square miles, and provide irrigation for 800,000 acres of land. The immense snow-fall and rainfall of this great Basin could be stored in this semi-circle it gathers the waters of Donner, Independence, Webber, and of the entire circlet of lakes, and stortorrents, and have idly lavished their treasures upon the parched sands and burning sunshine of Pyramid and Mud lakes. Dams that are almost if not quite sufficient for all purposes of irrigation are already constructed at the mouths of Taboe, Independence and Webber, but their only use in past times has been to temporarily restinin sufficient water to accommodate the log-driving operations of two wealthy franchises. The Donner Boom and Lumber Company have a franchise of the Truckee river from Taboe to the State line, and the Boca Wood and Lumbering Company have a franchise of the Little Truckee from Independence and Webber to the town of Boos These corporations therefore store such waters as may be necessary to float the annual crops of saw-logs to the saw milis at Truckes and Boca.

DIVER DRIVING. During the Fall and early Spring the logging camps give employment to large almost unlimited providing water can numbers of backwoodsmen, whose business it is to get out the logs and by dumping them over bluffs and sending feet high. Surveys have been made them down chates to "bank" them in the river, where they form great piles that a ditch taken out of the Truckee and masses of sawlogs sometimes 20 river at a point above the town of feet high and covering half an acre. A few years since, 6,000,000 feet of saw- dine valleys, by a short tunnel would logs were rolled down one bank, and reach Dog valley at a point high enough fairly formed a mountain of sawlogs in to reach the head of Long valley. This the channel of the Little Truckee. When all is ready, the gates are raised at the lakes and storage dams and the imprisoned waters, eigerly rejoining in their sudden freedom, pour forth in a great, wide, deep flood. Constantly swellen by the swift current, which the yawning dams create in the lakes, the rushing, foaming wall of waters roll down the strep incline of the river beds in a fury that is majestic, yet terrible. When the innal Irrigation Committee to investi great banks of logs are struck there is a gate this and other regions with the shock, a pause, and then the army of view of enlisting Government and in water, reinforced by other armies of reclamation schemes. In view of the waters, with Titanic strength lifts the piled up trembling tons of sawlogs, and country, however, it is scarcely to be bears away bodily the creaking, groan-wondered that individual capitalists ing, crashing giants of the forests. But should prefer to undertake the work as this is only a beginning. The reluctant to a money-making investment. The loga catch on projecting banks, lodge Government will be very slow, and the gainst boulders, stop in every curve present outlook warrants the assertion

and eddy, and form horrid, bristling jams on every shoal. Floods are released for days and weeks, and in these floods the gallant river drivers ply their calling. In all the wild, dangerous employments in which men engage on the mountains around Truckee, there is none more hazardous than river driving. Where the angry current is swiftest, where the great eddies of the icy waters surge fiercest, with peril and death on every hand, these boys work side by side, with iron muscles strained, and steel-like nerves quivering with excitement. Every few moments some mammeth sawlog is shot by the current in such a direction as to threaten instant death to someone, but the others, with one accord, spring forward and turn it from its victim. A slippery log turns, or a foot misses its hold, and a man is being drawn down under the jam, but quick as thought there are outstretched arms and another rescue. A great jam breaks and the massive logs are rest and source of irrigation:

Truckee's prosperity, in the past, has then it is that the full strength of every been largely dependent on the wood manly arm is tested in saving his comand lumber business. These interests, rades. When the season ends and the floods are past, millions of feet of logs are lying in the mill ponds, snuggled so yield larger returns in the next ten close together that one may walk over years than ever before, but appearances the water anywhere by stepping from indicate that they will be overshadowed one log to another. They form a pretty sight and each log represents a twenty-dollar gold piece. But figures can But figures can culable magnitude. The Sierra Nevada bardly compute the dazzling gold pieces Wood and Lumber Company, composed that the harvesting of these logs has

NEVADA'S RICH FARMING LANDS.

The woeful waste of waters these floods represent may be faintly amagined if one stands on the shore and watches the river rise from six to twelve feet in five minutes, and sees the flood maintained during one or two hours each day for weeks. They usually occur in the Spring time when the Reno farms have no special need for irrigation. The Summer comes and finds the lakes and rivers and ditches drained, and the crops withering because of the drought. Sagebrush land supplied with water, produces three bountiful crops of alfalfa, worth on an average \$150 per annum for each acre of land irrigated. The small patch of land redeemed by Washoe county, a mere dot on the mup of Nevada, has built up Reno into a flourishing, prosperous, booming city. During years when the Winter is severand deep snows lock up the waters of the Sierra until June and July, the river driving cannot prevent the farms from receiving at least a measure of water during the Summer months. During the last four years, however, the Winters have been open, the snow-fall light, and the late crops have suffered severely, and in many instances have been total (ailures. There is water enough wasted in floods every Winter and Spring, to supply abundant water power every day in the year along the Truckee, to fill every ditch from Verdi to Wadsworth during the irrigation season, and to bountifully irrigate one hundred and fifty thousand acres of sagebrush land in addition to all the acreage now under basins of Donner, Independence and cultivation. The strangest feature of it Webber Lukes, and of the intervening all is that Nature has placed one hundred and flity thousand acres of rich, productive, first-class desert land, two thousand feet below the level of the Truckee storage lakes to every acre of a water storage capacity sufficient to which water could be economically conabandoned to sagebrash and coyotes; they are desert lands in every sense of the word. With the means of irrigation and conveniently carried in a ditch or which can almost be had for the asking, system of ditches to the arable 1 ands of they will equal in fertility the richest of Western Nevada. The Truckee river the Reno lands. The value that is sweeps in a semi-circle from Tahoe to placed upon the scant waters that flow Boca, eight miles below Truckee, and down the Truckee during the Summer months, may be partially understood by the fact that in the vicinity of Reno there are about fifty ditches. or one entire circles of lakes, and stor-age valleys which nestle under the pre-cipitous crest of the Sierra Nevada nothing like enough water to supply mountains. Heretofore these 800,000 these ditches during the irrigating sea-acre feet of waters have spent their untold wealth in raging floods and foaming waters are wasted in log driving, nor until systematic storage is maintained in in the monntains. Wrangling and quarreting over the question of which is entitled to the limited supply of the water in the ziver, these companies have taken no steps to secure storage. now remains to be seen whether they will pay annually to be guaranteed a liberal supply of water. Five dollars per acre is the price charged per annum for the present very inadequate irriga-tion furnished. At this rate the ditch

> MAGNIFICENT VALLEYS Lie north of Reno and toward Pyramid. compared with which the Read farming lands are of little importance. Spanish Spring valley, Lemon valley, Dry valley, Long valley, and a score of others, possess soily whose capabilities are be secured. Some of these lands are covered with sagebrash ten and twelve and it has been definately ascertained Truckee, carried across Russell and Sarditch would reach and reclaim not less than 150,000 acres of the most fertile lands. Most of this vast tract could be obtained for virtually nothing under the Desert Land Act, and all railroad sections could be purchased at a trifling cost. It would be worth from twenty to one hundred dollars per acre as soon as the ditch was completed. It is well known that the Government has had engineers and surveyors at work in this region, and that Senator Stewart has secured the appointment of a Congress enormous capital lying idle in the

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that before the Government surveyors and engineers have completed their reports the ditch will be constructed, the land will be owned and irrigated. It is a Colonel Sellers scheme to the extent that

"THERR'S MILLIONS IN PT. It has been demonstrated in Southern not fear irrigation schemes simply because they promise returns that foot this scheme. Eighteen thousand scres of land belonging to the Truckee Lumber Co. have already been bonded with a view to controlling the storage system of the Truckie Busin Surveyors will commence work as soon as the snow disappears, resurvey the ditch from Truckes to Dog Valley. The former survey estimated the cost of this ditch at \$500,000. If these figures are verified, Pacific Coast capitalists will perform the work, and inaugurate the enterprise. It is computed that \$3,000,000 net profit can be made in purchasing Nevada lands, as desert tracts, and selling them after they are reclaimed. These figures

are obtained by placing the average purchase of 150,000 acres at \$2 50 per acre, and the selling price at \$22 50 per acre. Afterwords, for all time, the ditch company would receive \$5 per acre, per annum, as water reptal, or a total annual income of \$750,000. It is believed that all state and railroad lands could be obtained for \$1 25 per acre, The death of the two franchises above mentioned is absolutely necessary to the success of this storage scheme. So long as the waters can be wasted, or monopolized for log driving, an irri-gation ditch, or the attempt to reclaim Nevada's desert lands is impractical. The franchise of the Boca Wood and Lumbering Co. expires February 3rd 1892, and it is probable that even prior to that time, Webber and Independence Lakes will be used solely as storage reservoirs. The Donner Boom and Lumber Co. has only been used to float the logs of the Truckee Lumber Co. who own all the timber lands between Truckee and Tahoe. The sale of the fruckee Lumber Company's lands therefore enables Tahoe to at once be converted into a reservoir. If for any reason the Government should attempt to own and manage the irrigation business of this section, the corporation or syndicate owning the storage system and the ditch would be amply reimbursed for their property.

Cabinet Speculations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28-A Washington special savs: Senator Sherman spent an hour with General Harrison this morning and afterwards told a friend that Senator Palmer, of Michigan, was booked for a place in the Cabinet, and also quotes Vice President-elect as saying that Thomas C. Platt will not be in the Cabinet.

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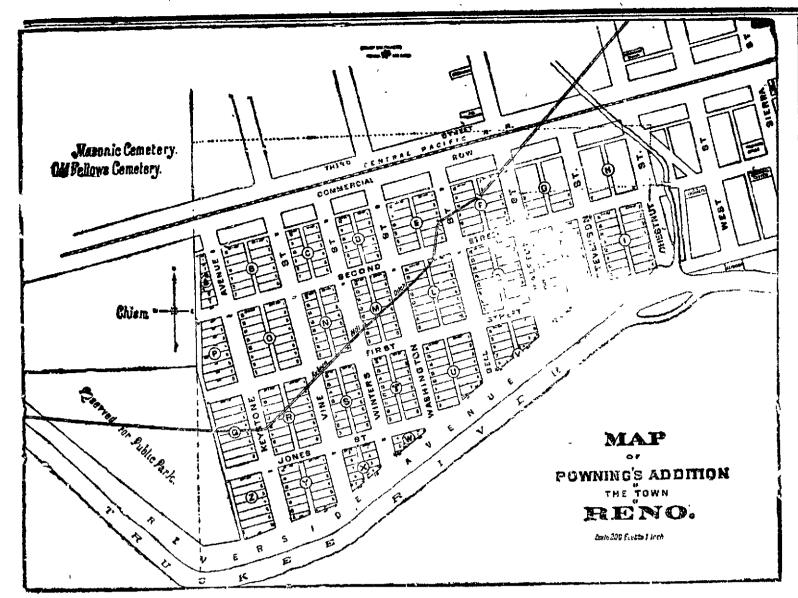
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